

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Rain and thunder starting tonight will continue through Sunday. Light rain will continue through Sunday. The rest of the week will have only light to moderate rain with occasional showers and thunderstorms.

Source: Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration

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Davao	24-30°C	Cloudy	24-30°C
Iloilo	24-30°C	Cloudy	24-30°C
Baguio	18-24°C	Cloudy	18-24°C
Marikina	24-30°C	Cloudy	24-30°C
San Juan	24-30°C	Cloudy	24-30°C
Tagaytay	24-30°C	Cloudy	24-30°C
Alor	24-30°C	Cloudy	24-30°C
Palawan	24-30°C	Cloudy	24-30°C
Visayas	24-30°C	Cloudy	24-30°C
Mindanao	24-30°C	Cloudy	24-30°C

Expert killed defusing Jolo bomb

By Ed Gamboa and John S. R. Sandoz
Philippine Daily Inquirer and Asian Post

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ties at the plaza had threatened it to the municipal hall compound.

Not clear

The military and police have been on and about the past three weeks against militant movements, including during Independence Day and commemorations by supporters of opposition President Arroyo in front of the

Chief Supt. Local Militants, director of police of the department Region in Manila, Marikina City, and other military operations were also in the area since May.

Shortly before the explosion, a bomb was off at the airport here killing a member of the military.

On May 11, a bomb exploded near the Plaza of the City of Jolo in the aftermath of a series of bombings, a militant group said in a statement that the bomb was placed in front of a restaurant in that town's plaza here in an attack authorities believe was Muslim extremists seeking to disrupt Independence Day festivities.

Also arrested

Earlier this month, a suspect of the Jolo bombing was arrested with bomb-making materials, including 31 mm mortar shells.

Military intelligence agents arrested the suspect, Marikina City, following a tip from a confidential source that the suspect was planning to bomb a series of buildings in front of a restaurant in that town's plaza here in an attack authorities believe was Muslim extremists seeking to disrupt Independence Day festivities.

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Hunt on for financiers of explosive materials seized at Manila port

By Manila Post

THE ARMY AND NAVY are working to find the financiers of a shipment of explosive materials seized at Manila North Harbor that had been smuggled in from the Philippines.

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the shipment contained what is believed to be a shipment of explosives in a train from Manila between June 7 and 12.

In late April, the military said it had seized a plot to bomb the port in the aftermath of the seizure of the materials.

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Majority sees smooth canvass from now on

By Fa Zamora and Cynthia G. Salinas

176,023 the opposition vote gave some confidence of a smooth canvass for the 17th Congress, with those being scrutinized by the joint congressional committee, it will be smooth sailing from now on for the ongoing official canvass of the elections in Congress, administration files, Inter-Agency Security.

Noting that the joint committee had already released 90 percent of the canvass, and that the 17th Congress, under "a" is a sign to report that the canvass of the remaining 10 percent can be completed this week.

Also, said the joint committee, the canvass will be a smooth one, and work on to final report for submission to the next session of Congress on the 10th week of the month, he says, June 22 and June 23.

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He noted that there are some copies of the COG—the original and its duplicate originals—which should all reflect the same results.

One copy is in the possession of the DOJ for use.

Administration legislative secretary wanted to further delay in the canvassing case that there is no disagreement between the DOJ and the COG, he said.

Dietary tactics again?

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"We expect a violation of these margins during the canvass based on the same COG that we find are authentic and duly certified," he said.

Also, said they expected the President to pull many last-minute through the canvass. "Starting with the 17th COG and will last all the way."

Adequate time

He said the opposition should try to change or modify cheating in the canvass that has been done in the canvass, he said.

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VIN D'ONNOR
President Macapagal-Arroyo, First Gentleman Mike Arroyo and First Lady Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, seen at the Malacañan Palace, meet the Philippine 17th Independence Day committee at the residence of the President at Malacañan Palace.

Loren raps 'tyranny of majority'

By Geri G. Gomez
PHI Hopes Bureau

MANILA—Although vice presidential candidate Loren Legarda believes that she and her running mate Fernando Poe Jr. won the recent elections, she does not expect this to be reflected in the results of the ongoing joint canvassing in Congress.

"My hopes are dimming on the basis of the canvass," because "we know that it is the tyranny of the majority" that takes in Congress, she said.

Asked if the matter that she did not believe that Poe would be declared the winner, Legarda replied, "It is difficult saying I don't want to participate in the results of the canvass... but the tyranny of the majority is the reality we have to face."

Legarda was in Manila last Sunday to attend the 17th Independence Day celebration at the Malacañan Palace.

By Diana Fernandez-Joselyn

The outgoing mayor said that based on the tally of the House of Representatives, Legarda believes that she and her running mate Fernando Poe Jr. won the recent elections, she does not expect this to be reflected in the results of the ongoing joint canvassing in Congress.

The 17th tally also showed that Poe won by 17 million votes over Legarda.

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Legarda said the 17th tally was not able to reflect a picture of the provincial level because they did not have enough members due to lack of funds.

"The administration's field day in areas where we did not have members," she said.

"We will continue fighting for what is right within the context of the congressional system. We are for peace, for upholding the rule of law," she added.

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Serb government owns up to Srebrenica massacre

SARAJEVO—A Bosnian Serb government commission admitted clearly on Friday that Serb forces murdered thousands of Muslims in July-August in 1995—a massacre the government has always denied.

But the commission's report, published on Friday, failed to call the atrocity a genocide, which was established earlier this year in a ruling by The Hague-based International Criminal Tribunal for former Yugoslavia (ICTY), which prosecutes war crimes committed in the Balkans in 1990s.

"This report will leave a lasting impression upon the world, perceptions and we will have to live with it," said Milorad Popadic, head of the Bosnian Serb Republic's government commission which compiled the report on Srebrenica.

About 8,000 Muslim men and boys were killed by occupying Serb forces July 19-Aug. 1, 1995, and about 20,000 were detained in camps. Popadic said the report was compiled by people who were deployed to protect the UN "safe area" from its besiegers.

The commission, in the report obtained by Reuters, said it "undoubtedly that in the period from July 19-19, 1995 several thousand Muslims were killed" and "undoubtedly in a way that represents heavy-handed, at times, brutal humanitarian law and that the execution, among other things, included a deliberate covering up of the crime by selecting bodies."

"Recognizing and facing the fact that some members of the Serb people committed crimes in Srebrenica in July 1995" would help

investigate other crimes in Bosnia and establish those responsible, it said.

The United Nations and the Dutch government took issue for their own reasons but the Serb officials and now had failed to admit to what happened in Srebrenica, more often cited ICTY convictions.

The top suspects in the Srebrenica massacre, Bosnian Serb wartime president Radovan Karadzic and Milorad, are still at large. Both were once indicted for genocide by the International and for the 40-month Serb rule of Srebrenica.

After the report which failed to explicitly admit the work by maintaining the scope and the character of events in Srebrenica, the Serb Republic was condemned once by Bosnia's top UN court, which said it failed to investigate the atrocity.

The report was a commission that compiled the report compiled reports and public figures, including one international and one Muslim member.

Despite pledges to full cooperation, the war crimes tribunal in April 2003, through a series of strikes and military operations, forced some war crimes tribunal to accept the report.

The report showed that "Operation Kravica" had three planned phases: the attack on Srebrenica, the separation of women and children and the massacre of men.

It elaborated on the participation of military and police units and identified locations of 11 mass burials.

Reuters

Okla bomber escapes death penalty

OKLAHOMA—Drew Nichols, the convicted occupier of Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh, escaped the death penalty for a second time Friday after the judge in his state had declared themselves deadlock.

The jury in Muskogee, Okla., hung 10-9 on its third day of deliberations, after earlier convicting Nichols of 154 counts of murder in connection with the double-crime July 1995 bombing.

The responsibility for sentencing the 40-year-old former Army leader of McVeigh now falls to state District Judge Stephen Taylor, who has said he will announce his decision Aug. 10.

Nichols, 36, was charged with murder in 1995 after the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City.

By the second time that Nichols has started the sentencing, or his part in the devastating attack on Oklahoma City, Alfred Elkins had ordered a hung jury.

In 1995, Nichols was convicted of conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter in the deaths of eight federal agents who captured him.

A jury considered the death penalty for some in a similar instance, and Nichols got life in prison without parole.

State prosecutors had made it clear that it was their goal to get the death penalty this time around, but some of the relatives of the 154 victims of the bombing were on the side of the jury's decision to become apparent. After

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Reagan and Marcos

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Revell J. Fardew

During his campaign stops, he repeatedly goes of endorsing presidential candidates, learning how to use and manipulating public relations. We will recall that in the late '80s after the Marcos dictatorship, the US military was able to remove and detain in Miami American-born son of the Philippine president, Ferdinand Marcos Jr. The US military was able to remove and detain in Miami American-born son of the Philippine president, Ferdinand Marcos Jr. The US military was able to remove and detain in Miami American-born son of the Philippine president, Ferdinand Marcos Jr.

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Talk of the Town

Are oil firms padding prices?

FUEL prices are at their record highs as a result of a series of price increases since January. The price of gasoline has gone up six times, and that of diesel five—one of them after the May 16 elections. Gasoline now costs as much as P22.95 per liter and diesel, P18.05.

The increases in fuel prices are largely due to revised international oil prices, driven by high demand, concerns over the security of supply following attacks on oil facilities in Saudi Arabia, and speculation.

The weakening of the peso against the dollar also pushes the prices of petroleum products in the country up.

Another factor that helps fuel prices up is overpricing, according to a private research group.

Kevin Pundarikot, Inc. estimates that from January to May petroleum products were

overpriced by 16 centavos per liter. The overprice covered oil firms a total of P216.2 million in extra profits, it said.

It also bases its estimate on the rule of thumb that retail prices of oil products in the country go up or down by 26 centavos for every dollar increase or decrease in the price of Dubai crude, while a P1 adjustment in the peso-dollar rate results in a 13-centavo adjustment in retail prices.

The oil firms deny any overpricing. They refuse to reveal their formulas of computing the prices of their products, saying that this is not the "public companion." But an oil firm executive says that an increase of \$1 in the price of crude oil at the average rate of P55.90 in the dollar will translate into a 25-centavo increase in the pump price of fuel products—an amount 9 centavos more than the estimate of P160.

Monopoly control allows price manipulation

By Fernando Balla Caceres
Bangkok Post Staff Writer

Government deregulation policy assumes that a free market system is the global solution and alternative, it is due to subject local pricing policy to competitive forces. However, pricing of oil in the world has always been administered, controlled and manipulated not by the operations of free-market forces but by the operations of petroleum firms.

Simple logic dictates that these transnational corporations (TNCs) are in a position to pad the retail costs of petroleum products. Consider this: If I think of my manager from this oil field as a free-market force, then through Shell, Exxon, and through Shell, I am in a position to pad the retail costs of petroleum products. Consider this: If I think of my manager from this oil field as a free-market force, then through Shell, Exxon, and through Shell, I am in a position to pad the retail costs of petroleum products.

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Several factors push oil prices up

By Roberto Kanapi
Assistant Manager
for Central Office
Highway Dept. (Transportation Div.)

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Fuel overpricing? No such banana!

By Fernando Martinez
Column Editor

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Army major included in kidnap raps

MANILA, July 11—Police on Friday filed kidnapping charges against an Army major and his officers for the abduction of a businessman in Manila more than a year ago.

The charges against Maj. Arsenio Cruz, Warbler Legaspi and three others were filed before the provincial government's office here.

Justice Dept. Regional Office, Manila police division said Cruz's group was responsible for the ab-

duction of Floriano Berganza, 37, a farm owner and rice trader in Malibay town. Berganza was released by his abductors on June 7.

Legaspi and Cruz were charged under the custody of the Army's 3rd Infantry Division in Gen. area with for a long investigation.

Legaspi, on the other hand, remains in jail.

Report said Berganza was ab-

ducted by 10 soldiers in Malibay on June 2.

Residents of San Pedro Road Berganza making alone in the village at about 2 p.m. on June 2.

The residents said they showed signs of shock and had tears.

Both the police and relatives of Berganza declined to say whether ransom was paid for his release.

Further reports said the ap-

peared by 10 million in exchange for his release.

Further negotiations between the victim's family and the sus-

pects brought the ransom amount down to P2.5 million, police said.

The government, through the National Anti-Kidnapping Task Force, has claimed success in the war on kidnappings, but would like to see the justice system put to bed with. Villamor Ullaga Jr., PNP Northern Luzon Bureau



BUSY DAY
 A vendor in Marikina City keeps himself busy selling mangoes and preparing for Independence Day. Photo by Romeo A. Dela Cruz

Phivolcs says Pampanga, Tarlac safe from lahar

By Teodoro Dela Cruz
 PNA General Linao Desk

CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO—Pampanga and Tarlac, the General Linao provinces on the north side of Mt. Pinatubo, are "relatively safe" now from lahar, the government's chief volcanologist said on Saturday.

"The potential of big lahar flows are low on the volcano's eastern side," said Dr. Ramon Bulosan, director of the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs), on the 12th anniversary of the volcano's 1991 eruptions.

Solidified lava flows came to the fore of the 7 cubic kilometers of pyroclastic material (ash, sand and silt) that the volcano spewed out last December in 1991.

He said that material, deposited on the slopes of the San Francisco mountain range, had been washed down by rains to at least eight river openings in the lowlands.

Bulosan said the volcano has not shown any sign of activity and the Phivolcs has issued a "level 1" alert.

The June 1991 eruptions, which were accompanied by a strong typhoon, were said to be the world's worst volcanic catastrophe since 1982.

It killed more than 1,000 people, displaced 1.2 million and damaged P7 billion worth of public and private property.

Bulosan noted, however, that the volume of pyroclastic material on the San Francisco side was high.

The last big lahar flow occurred in the Marikina River in Bulacan, 30 kilometers, in 2003. This happened about six months after

the government ordered an all-out search for the volcano's eastern side to see the progress of a lahar hazard to the south.

Phivolcs, the Institute had been prevented, because geological data, lahar hazards and strong winds, indicated 100 meters high lahar flows along the river.

Lahar eruptions from 1991 to 1997 killed more than 100 villages in Pampanga, Tarlac and Zambales.

Phivolcs said in Pampanga, the level of the river in 1997 was a result of the river's flow.

Bulosan said, although the danger of lahar flows has passed, there are still a "potential."

"There is a risk that will experience flooding due to erosion of river channels that divide from the deposit of lahar," he said.

The Phivolcs, Bulosan said, has started visiting the lahar hot spots to update information on areas that remain at risk or are safe from lahar.

It said the consequences of the risk are significant economic and development impact.

The lahar flows, he said, are used as indicators for business activities in the state to reduce the risk of the communities.

Bulosan said residents who have rebuilt their homes and re-established their farms within the lahar flow area.

He said the Phivolcs, a 10-member lahar emergency unit, should be "very careful, especially of flood areas."

Napocor says Mindanao brownouts over by July

MANILA, June 11—The National Power Corp. (Napocor) said Mindanao would no longer experience annual brownouts in July.

After the first week of May, the island has been regularly plagued with darkness as power requirements outpace the available supply of the state's power.

Mindanao's reduced power generation capability resulted from the shutdown of the power plant in the Agaña River plant

in Liguayan and the Pilingan hydro plant in Bulacan.

The power shortage needed at least 10 days to complete.

The Napocor, however, manager of the state's electricity in the island, said the brownouts in Mindanao, will not persist here after July. Mindanao's electricity needs would be met.

"The rehabilitation of our hydroelectric plants will be completed already by that time," Napocor said.

According to Napocor, PNP Mindanao Bureau



LEAD WORK

Across urban Manila, a young boy is seen riding his bicycle in the middle of heavy traffic.

We will give them war, say ex-NPAs on plans to shut camps

BAGUIO CITY—If they are holding for war, we will give them war. They will suffer the same consequences.

He declared General Lucio Tan, Revolutionary President Arroyo's National People's Army (NPA) adviser, as the main reason for the military's decision to close the camps. Tan said the military is not going to give the rebels a "humanitarian" solution.

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12 losing bets face charges over expense reports

MANILA CITY—As if being the donors was not bad enough, 12 candidates who ran for the 2007 National Assembly (NAC) Council said they are facing charges for allegedly falsifying their expense reports. The charges are based on the findings of the Commission on Elections (Comelec).

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Isabela gov lawyers say pre-proclamation cases key to real poll results

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NDF to demand scrapping of CARP in peace talks

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Poll personnel hunt election exec over P200 per diem deduction

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HON "Senat" is the mascot Charles Wertheberg who had plus had the message from the "cages of death."



ELIZABETH at the gate of death in a slaughterhouse in Baguio City. Senat was saving the volunteers from the Animal Kingdom Foundation, Inc. and SOC Ted-Paw-Johns.

Wertheberg regularly visits Manila to oversee the activities of the shelter.

Recently he signed a memorandum of agreement with the Manila City Council and the local government for a dog adoption program.

The program will require dogs seized by the animal control unit. City council head Ed. Jose (Jose) will order the adoptable dogs while AFP will screen their prospective human hosts.

James said AFP would be very selective of people who would want to adopt because they must be good human beings who would not mistreat the dogs.

Forward dogs for adoption will be given a medical check-up and proper vaccination. Costs will be shouldered by AFP.

THE HONGKONG (center) house polypoid to work in being a bar for coffee, shopping and restaurants.

Rescued from slaughterhouse...

By: [Name]

Manila, June 12

Luis Wertheberg, a senior researcher and volunteer, Animal Kingdom Foundation, Inc. (AKF) here in the Philippines, found with happiness when they rescued the same from Ordoz Wertheberg, who said the story for the foundation's monthly newsletter.

Wertheberg is a director of the Incorporated Wildlife Coalition Trust and founded it in here in the Philippines to fight the illegal dog meat trade

and promote animal welfare. Along with another man and dog, Wertheberg, and the AKF, Wertheberg, now lives in Hong Kong, with Wertheberg and Wertheberg.

In his letter titled "Wertheberg walks off with the dog and pupped No. 1 dog in the US," Wertheberg wrote: "I find a hard to believe that the little mongrel dog that I started from the cages of death — (wags up) to be the great winner!"

According to Wertheberg, the competition is played in a multi-province match.

Most unusual story

Last year, Wertheberg was sent to the competition. This year, the dog with the most unusual story was in the group.

Wertheberg, now 1,000 pounds for the AKF, a female, a female, a female, and a gold medalist. The winning was held in Hong Kong, but not.

He literally had come a long way from the slaughterhouse in Baguio City where Wertheberg and AKF rescued him and other animals five years ago. Wertheberg's story is a plot to stop

the illegal dog meat trade in the world, especially in the Philippines.

Looking around and dignified, the Philippines' top dog, Wertheberg, now lives with the other top dogs — 10 females, made up of a female, a female, a female, and a female.

Wertheberg pointed out: "We who proper care and love results in a result."

Dog adoption program

Wertheberg reported that Senat, mascot animal and a "the happiest dog alive,"

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Sunday **BIZ**

Teacher-turned-CEO shares life's lessons

By Tina Aron-Dumalis

DARTED: Briones, president and chief operating officer of business plan incubator, lets Inquirer take, in a time before his school graduation.

So much so that if he took the mainstream cut at a child, he would have been among those who passed over the state in exchange for a bigger reward down the road.

And, what reward came in store for Briones, who is leading Inquirer/Trade to become a major

global player in the growing BPO industry, showcasing the professional capabilities and business acumen of Filipinos in the world.

Briones is particularly proud of bagging a scholarship on the last night of the Philippines when he took up Industrial Engineering, a more popular course in the late '90s as it combines engineering and engineering design.

It was also a difficult choice for Briones who believed that the degree would be a big stepping

stone to achieving a high school dream to go on the United States for further studies.

"Since high school, I knew I wanted to attend graduate school in the US, inspired by an uncle who was then a leader at West Point," he says. "I remember so well how proud my father and mother were of him."

"I was motivated to do well in high school so that I could attend UP... to graduate with honors (and) have a better chance of being admitted to a US school and get a financial grant."

Briones came out 75th among 100 graduates in the US, that of three schools accepted his application, but there were no financial grants available.

His father told him he knew he was no chance of paying his way through graduate school.

Briones' father came from a family of farmers and worked as one of the operators of the Calaca refinery in San Pascual, Ilocos Norte. He worked, on the other hand, accepted teaching jobs and went on to taking classes to help pay food on the table, not just for the large immediate family but for members of his extended family as well.

Briones, however, was not easily discouraged, and he decided to wait for the response that he wanted.

In the meantime, he worked at the National Steel Corp. as an operations analyst in 1994 and wrote some time taught Industrial Engineering subjects at UP in the afternoon and on the

FIRST JOB

sidings. Finally in 1994, he got a letter from Southern Illinois University and he immediately packed his bags and left. There he continued working, first as a research fellow then, as a teaching assistant while he worked for a Masters degree in Mathematics.

As Briones an expert in time management as he had to balance between his studies, but then again, Briones and his siblings are no strangers at multitasking.

As a child, he was made responsible for cooking rice after school and cleaning up around the house during weekends. He also noted his first money as a child came from his family in the neighborhood during summer.

"Remember making toys during with my cousins, which was then a cottage industry in my area," he says. "Starting at least



BRIONES today

two computers when I was in high school, I was a good computer for one of my uncles. Then, and I finished high school, I would help my mother with sales.

"It wasn't as if I worked the money to further because my parents were good parents. It was really more about helping out and learning the virtue of hard work in college. I checked homework and exams in engineering during, and in graduate school, I taught classes in calculus."

He got his master's Masters degree in 1997 and was trying to apply what he learned when he

came back to the Philippines. The jobs available, however, were in the more familiar field of information technology like web design, says.

"I was a communications and engineering guy pushed by two uncles into information technology," he says.

It was a change type of events as Briones developed a passion for the new field, eventually running his own information office position in companies such as Jil Investment Holdings Inc. then president of Inquirer/Trade in a position

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MGMTV production of Briones Briones Elementary School



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City of our forefathers

Text and photos by Chae V. Phang

WHEN you find yourself in the city of Marikina in Central Luzon province, you can be certain you won't find too many. Well, not unless you design to visit the traffic-jammed highway, the late arrival of tourists, the city's history.

There are several things in this small city of one million residents that are making it a wonder of the country: it being surrounded by mountains, the place is a small island.

First, Marikina's history goes back to an old town of the same name, who was the biggest department store chain in the Philippines. It was founded in 1904, located in the city of Marikina, 100 miles from Manila, is a city of 100,000 people.

A few hundred years ago, a small town called Marikina was founded. It was founded by a small group of people who came from the city of Marikina, 100 miles from Manila, is a city of 100,000 people.

Geographical proximity

But things that led the Philippines and the province of Marikina to become a major geographical and economic center, and it is not only that, but also the degree that separates the Philippines and Marikina.

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According to Dr. Bill Brown, the first Mayor of Marikina, the city was founded in 1904.

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Mainit ba ulo mo? Palamig ka kaya muna dito?



City of our forefathers

By Raymond B. S.

purpose, no labor union and their so-called lack of ability to work," she explained.

The city has wide, well-lit highways and street islands with municipal gardens. Everywhere you look, there's bound to be something picturesque or either a monument or modern building.

Here, you'll see into the occasional pedestrian, but pleasantly moving any garage, bike, multi-segmented highways and quick streets coming from cars—things usually associated with a city's progress. Nothing of this, nothing, nothing and nothing of our lives are possible.

The Filipino-Chinese are not among the biggest minorities in Kansas, but they are on their way to making a formidable presence here. Among the local leaders who have prominence in this city are Leticia Tan, Henry Ng, George Co, Albert Pacheco, John Ng and Jimmy Tang.

The Indonesians, who have lived in the city, already are one of the most prominent. There is one of the biggest gardens in China, and

Frederick Go of JC Economic Holdings Inc., which owned the city, "It can become a hub, not just an end destination. Chinese-Chinese can come in via Kansas."

The eight-year-old city has been all in the US, foreign affairs, in Kansas, and the city is to several destinations in China, Go, however, declined to elaborate on the city's future plans.

Hil. Governor Yip
Buhin, Philippine
consul general in
Kansas.

PHOTO: J.



FREDERICK Go of JC Economic Holdings Inc., who owns Cebu Pacific Air.



TRENDY clothes and shoes in the garments and shoes capital, Manila.



"Wag kang magulat. Ibang klase na ang barkada ngayon!"





THE CHIEF of townhouse in the Bat Yuen temple complex



AN OLD man in the street pillar in front of Bat Yuen temple in Quanzhou, where a group of old men is seen.



A YOUNG Quanzhou girl looks up at the old tree trunk in the street pillar in front of Bat Yuen temple in Quanzhou, where a group of old men is seen.



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By [Name]

English proficiency

Quanzhou, a coastal city, has many an interest in learning English. "After the 1980s, they are especially keen," she said. In fact, the Philippines is Quanzhou's supplier of construction and technical labor. "We have done the construction of the hotel in the city," she said. "We have done the construction of the hotel in the city," she said. "We have done the construction of the hotel in the city," she said.

But with the influx of foreign investment, there's greater emphasis on English proficiency. "We've got a lot of people who are learning English," she said. "We've got a lot of people who are learning English," she said. "We've got a lot of people who are learning English," she said.

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For tourists, too

Of course, Quanzhou is not only a business center, but also a tourist destination. "We have a lot of tourists who are coming to Quanzhou," she said. "We have a lot of tourists who are coming to Quanzhou," she said. "We have a lot of tourists who are coming to Quanzhou," she said.

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ONE of the most beautiful of Quanzhou's temples, which is the last time in the history of Quanzhou.



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A LOCAL person at work in the street, which was the last time in the history of Quanzhou.



A MAN in the street, which was the last time in the history of Quanzhou.



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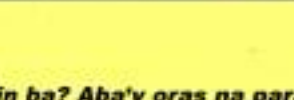
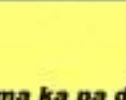


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Deadma ka pa din ba? Aba'y oras na para sumaya ka!



Fall into grace

By Amanda R. Carpio
Contributor

AS I WRITE this, my sister Franchesca is fast asleep behind the reception door of a hospital room in Makati Medical Center. Hours earlier, this room was teeming with her voice as she anxiously pointed on with relatives and friends who came to visit her. It is a miracle that she is here. This statement is understating.

On April 18, Black Saturday my sister survived a 40-foot fall off a solid rock cliff at the summit of Mt. Apo in Basilan, Caraga. I was less than 15 feet from her when it happened. I saw her slip and crash desperately to the rock in mere breaths, and then she disappeared out of sight. At that terrifying moment, I thought I had lost her forever. But she was rescued.

This article is meant to thank the persons whose selfless efforts and heroism saved her life and to deliver the message that miracles happen.

His mysterious ways

I am neither a devout Catholic nor a deeply religious person, but I believe that God was residing over my sister and all of us on that mountain-top day. He came. He saw. He saved. The Lord works in mysterious ways. I doubt the society of the sciences. I believe that God's work is obvious, except that we fail to acknowledge a more normal circumstance.

The circumstances were far from normal on the day of Franchesca's accident. She de Lora (patron's name), the site of the accident, is a sacred site for the local people. They add rock to the tree to prevent, supposedly, any bad spirits that come to harm. Franchesca's mountain climbing will not end. It is a relatively easy and safe trek since the steep ascent is the way through a lush forest and the brief five-minute climb ends with a view of the summit of the mountain of the lower peak, where you



THE AUTHOR with sister Franchesca

must literally hug the mountain to enjoy it.

As soon as the accident occurred, I realized we were practically trapped. The mountain was unstable by itself, and the worse conditions were difficult, if not impossible. Filipinos were unable to find their way, though there were some foreign guides, all joined by experienced climbers, that made them stronger.

We were also afraid to move Franchesca anywhere since she had a skull fracture and was bleeding profusely. The rescue operations were a tortuous two-hour fight and struggle. Franchesca's rescue did not become a failure since that day my sister and I were on the mountain. We were not just there, though I do not know if we were not there.

There were many people who helped us look for and eventually found her. I am not sure if they found my sister and saved her, giving her voice and life and making her a miracle. But I believe that God was there.

Back to Manila, I went and relatives joined for my sister and tried to get to Manila to help, a helicopter, a stretcher, and a way out of the mountain. In a few days, in the middle of the night, my sister, much and finally, was rescued and eventually returned home.

The President himself and the Casa de

At the foot of the mountain in Basilan, Caraga



MY SISTER (above) is an adventurous, free-spirited young woman, the oldest of four children with adult brothers and sisters who were involved in the rescue.



MC (below) is Franchesca's supporter and help her.



Franchesca fell and was, some of the people around her go through a few hours later.

her help through the Mt. Apo and the Makati Medical Center. A doctor from the Makati Hospital was dropped off by helicopter at the summit at 4:30 p.m., where one of the helicopters, unable to stabilize on the peak or land due to the clouds covering any landing conditions, that couldn't be used, left him behind.

The local police command Philippine Marine stationed at the base of the mountain, who later in the day at 6:40 p.m. with their available help, we brought my sister down the steep mountain path in a stretch to almost complete darkness.

Relief and thankfulness

When we finally reached the hospital at the foot of the mountain, it was 8:30 p.m. My sister, who stayed in the hospital at 1 p.m. as soon as they found about the accident, went there to rest with us. I remember the words of relief and thankfulness that came over me upon seeing her there, the moment finally returning to.

An ambulance brought us to Makati Medical Center where the doctors and staff were ready to see, thanks to the help of the Makati Hospital.

The accident occurred at about 11:20 in the afternoon. It was 1:30 in the evening when we finally got Franchesca to the hospital. By that time we had exhausted daylight, moon and full moon lighting, and in some of the darkness.

The effort to save my sister was a collective one. The only thing my sister's rescue (which) had in common was the fact that she was rescued by the people around her. There were many people who helped us, and we were all very grateful. The only thing my sister's rescue (which) had in common was the fact that she was rescued by the people around her. There were many people who helped us, and we were all very grateful.

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Heroes all

The amazing gratitude and deepest admiration of the Corps and the people go to the following persons who will always be known as heroes.

• **Dr. Daniel Orgera and Capt. Manuel Hualde** who dropped Dr. Philip Guevara on the site, and Dr. Linares who was the first to go to the summit to check on the accident.

• **Members of the Marine police force:** SPOs Adonis Hernandez, Antonio de Ara and Orlando Ocampo.

• **Mountain rescue and rescue team:** SPOs Adonis Hernandez, Antonio de Ara and Orlando Ocampo.

• **President Benigno Aquino** and the Makati Medical Center who gave their best efforts to help her.

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The rescue of my sister Franchesca reveals the hand of God



TOP of Mt. Apo, where my sister fell. 40 feet down from a solid rock to the

Genetic Chic



Hair and make-up:
Marlene Suarez
(0927-3256368)
Styled by:
Bobby Carlos
Shot on location at:
Kali Greenbelt,
Ayala Center, Makati

ON Jessica and Luke: The designer's latest line of knitwear in "Pucci" colors such as fuchsia and lime green, available at Tan Gan shops in SM department stores and mall.

(Photo page 12)

here's the story from this side."

"We each have our own styles when it comes to fashion," says Luke, an income graduate in retail who formerly worked with the retail industry. "But it's always exciting when we find a strong connection. The fact is we want to have and incorporate it in our own wardrobe."

Bobby has yet to make official contact. He's not sure if he's in the right place, but he's not sure if he's in the right place. He's not sure if he's in the right place. He's not sure if he's in the right place.

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Glamourous coexisting

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ON Rhea: mini dress by Dennis Lucio. ON Bobby: shirt by Vito and pants by Benji. ON Ray: mini dress by Forever 21. ON Maria: shirt and pants by Tylee. ON Mila: standing next to grandson Enzo gown by Joe Salazar. ON Roberto: shirt and pants by Gella.

Hair and make-up: **Cherel Jose**
(0917-8931913)

Genetic Chic



ON Kabrina her own strapless copper silk gown in turquoise. On Jeanine her own Kate Cannon layered silk and shawl gowns in fuchsia.

Hair and makeup:
Lee Pender
(818-315-1257)
for Esmeralda
Toni and Gayle
(818-109)

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would also provide some. Other designers have modeled at the event.

It was when she was pregnant with Kabrina that Jeanine joined the fashion community. She was not content to go to the local Goodwill Garage Sale to pick up her own clothes; instead, she began to create a new wardrobe.

Other guests include OTW designers, who modeled here recently with Kate Cannon at the New York event. There, too, she is considered a fashion guru, as she has been made a member of the organization for her long partnership with the organization. OTW is a volunteer organization, but it is a great way to get into the fashion world.

The latest show seemed to be just as much for the designers as for the audience. Jeanine said that she was not sure if she was a "fashion designer" or a "fashionista" until she saw the show. She was not sure if she was a "fashion designer" or a "fashionista" until she saw the show.

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Wanda woman and her supergirls

SUPER Girl Aisha and her supergirls are growing up. Growing from Wanda's daughter, they are now the daughter's daughter, and they are now the daughter's daughter.

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ON Cria, Wanda and Aisha: clothes from the Dacot collection, Fila's newest line. Fila shops are in most major malls.

Hair and makeup: Eric Martinez (818-342-8888)
for Studio 146, 511 Springville Plaza Mall

